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The Invention of PRINTING.

WE do not certainly know to whom the World is indebted for this excellent INVENTION. That it is a *Teutonick* one is generally agreed: Hence the Poet ſings,

O Germania! *Muneris Repertrix,*
Quo nihil utilius dedit Vetuſtas;
Libros ſcribere qua doces premendo.

But whether Higher or Lower GERMANY ſhall have the Honour of it, is yet undecided; and in the former, whether *Mentz*, *Baſil*, or *Strasburg*. The general Voice is for *Mentz*; and that one *John Guttenberg* (or *Fuſt*, or *Fauſtemberg*, as others term him) a Knight and Citizen of that City, was the Father and Inventer of this Art, about the Year 1440. And that the Occaſion of it was, his having cut the Letters of his Name out of the Bark of a Tree, which was green and full of Sap, which being put into a fine linnen Handkerchief, impreſs'd upon it their own Characters. This inſpir'd him with the Thoughts of making Characters of Metal, that might make an Impreſſion upon Paper. This is ſtrongly affirm'd by the Citizens of *Mentz*; & for Proof of it they produce a Copy of *Tully's Offices*, printed in Parchment, and preſerved in the Library of *Aufburg*, with this *Memorandum* at the End of it: *Praſens* M. Tullii *Opus clariſſimum* Jo. FUST. Moguntinus *Civis, non Atramento, plumali Canna, neq; aurea, ſed Arte quadam perpulchra, Manu* Petri Gerſheim *Pueri mei, ſeliciter effeci: Finitum Anno* 1440, *Die quarto Menſ. Feb.*

Dr. *Wallis*, in his Enquiry into the Original of this Art, ſays: About the Year 1440, the ART of PRINTING began to be invented and practiſed in *Germany*; whether firſt at *Mentz*, or at *Haerlem*, is not agreed: But it ſeems, that thoſe who had it in Conſideration before 'twas brought to Perfection, diſagreeing among themſelves, did part Company; and ſome of them at *Haerlem*, others at *Mentz*, purſued the Deſign at the ſame Time. The Book commonly reputed to have been firſt printed, is *Tully's Offices*, of which there be Copies now extant (as a Rarity) in many Libraries; which in the Cloſe of it is ſaid to be printed at *Mentz*, in the Year 1445, (ſo the Copy in the *Bodleyan* Library) or 1446, (ſo that in the Library of *Corpus Chriſti* College, Oxon.) *N. B. This Memorandum is the ſame with the abovementioned, excepting the Date.* In that in the *Bodleyan* Library, this written Note is ſubjoined: *Hic eſt ille* Johannes Fauſtus, *Coadjutor* Johannis Gutenbergii, *primi* Typographiæ *Inventoris. Alter Coadjutor erat* Petrus Schæffer, *i. e. Opilio* ——Schæffer *primus finxit quas vocant* Matrices. *Hi tres exercuerunt Artem primo in communi, mox rupto Fœdere ſeorſim ſibi quiſq; privatim.*

At *Harrlem*, and ſome other Places in *Holland*, they pretend to have Books printed ſomewhat antienter than this; but they are moſt (if not all) done by way of carving whole Pages in Wood.

Hadrianus Junius makes *Haerlem* the Birth-Place of this noble ART. He tells us, that one *Laurenco John* (others call him *Laurenſz Janz Koſter*) a noted Burgher of *Haerlem*, was the firſt Inventor of it, in 1430; and ſays, he made Letters firſt out of the Bark of Trees, which being ſet and ranked in Order, and put with their Heels upwards upon Paper, he made the firſt *Eſſay* of this Art: At firſt he made but a Line or two, then whole Pages, and then Books, but printed on one Side only; which Rudiments of the Art, JUNIUS ſays, he ſaw in that Town. But after ſome Time he left off Wood, and cut ſingle Letters into Steel, which he ſunk into Copper Matrices, and fitting them into Iron Molds, caſt ſingle Letters of Metal in thoſe Matrices. They alſo ſay, that his Companion, JOHN GUTTENBERG (or FUST, or FAUSTUS) having learnt the Myſtery, ſtole his Tools while he was at Church, and with them went to *Mentz*, and there ſet his Tools to work, and promoted his Claim to the firſt Invention of this Art, before *Koſter* did his; and the firſt Book he printed, was the *Doctrinal* of one *Alexander Gallus*, Anno 1440.

They ſay much of a Book, intitled *De Spiegel*, printed at *Haerlem* in *Dutch* and *Latin*; which is there yet to be ſeen, and they alledge it to be the firſt that ever was printed, but don't ſay when.

Hegenitz ſays, the Houſe of *Laurence John* is yet ſtanding in the Market-Place of *Haerlem*, with this Inſcription in Golden Letters over the Door:

Memoria ſacrum.
Typographiæ Ars, Artium Conſervatrix, hic primum inventa, circa Ann. MCCCCXL.

And underneath theſe Verſes:

Vana, quid Archetypos & Prela, Moguntia, jactas?
Haerlemi *Archetypos Prelaq; nata ſcias.*
Extulit hic, monſtrante Deo, Laurentius *Artem;*
Diſſimulare Virum hunc, diſſimulare Deum eſt.

After *Mentz* and *Haerlem*, it ſeems next to have been practiſed at *Oxford*. For *Rob. Turner*, Maſter of the Robe, and *Wm. Caxton*, a Merchant of *London*, were ſent to *Haerlem* by by King *Henry* VI. and the then Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, who prevailed privately with one *Frederick Corſeles*, an Under-Workman, for a Sum of Money, to come over hither; who thereupon ſet up this Art at *Oxford*, before it was exerciſed any where elſe but at the two Places before mentioned. And there are ſeveral Copies yet extant of a Treatiſe of St. Jerom, (or rather *Ruffinus* upon the Creed) printed at *Oxford* in 1448, and was perhaps one of the firſt Books printed on Paper.

Soon after *Wm. Caxton* promoted it to *London*; which *Baker* in his Chronicle, &c. ſay to have been about 1471; but we have ſcarce any Copies of Books there printed earlier than 1480. And by that Time, or ſoon after, it was receiv'd in other Parts of *Germany*, *Venice*, *Italy*, &c.

Thus far Dr. *Wallis*. Others ſay that this noble Art was brought into ENGLAND by one *Simon Iſlip*, in 1471, at the King's Charge; whence it was for many Years accounted the King's Prerogative, as much as Coining; but afterwards became a free Trade. The firſt Printing-Preſs in ENGLAND was ſet up by the ſaid *Simon Iſlip* in *Weſtminſter-Abbey*, and Printing firſt uſed there by W. CAXTON: Whence all Printing-Houſes are to this Day called CHAPELS.

The Perfection and Beauty that Printing is now arrived to, is very much owing to them that came after; many of the preſent Age have not a little contributed thereto; among whom

whom are the late BARTHOLOMEW and ADAM VOSKINS of *Amsterdam*, the late Mr. THO. GROVER, and the present ingenious Mr. WM. CASLON of *London*, *Letter-Founders*.

Among the several Advantages of this excellent ART, that is the chief which N. BILLINGSLEY mentions in his *Brasby-Martyrologia*.

The Gospel-Light appear'd not very clear
Until the fourteen hundred fiftieth Year,
Wherein GOD pleased to unbosom Night,
The ART of PRINTING being brought to light.

Another ingenious AUTHOR says,

The Noble ART of PPINTING found
No sooner, but it ROME did wound;
And ever since with nimble Ray
Spreads Knowledge to a perfect Day.

On PRINTING *by the Rev.* Mr. BIRCH.

LONG had Mankind with Darkness been oppress'd,
And scarce one PETRARCH nine whole Cent'ries bless'd:
The conquer'd World, and e'en Imperial ROME,
O'erwhelm'd in Ignorance, shar'd an equal Doom:
VANDALS and MONKS, enflam'd with impious Rage,
Drove, like a Torrent, Learning off the Stage:
To native Skies Religion flighted fled,
And heav'nly Science veil'd her blissful Head;
Mysterious Jargon then Devotion seem'd;
GREEK, pious Ideots HERESY esteem'd;
Yet LATIN oft was read,——not understood;
For none but Pray'rs in Sounds unknown were good.
When some kind Power (who now propitious smiles
With sweet Indulgence o'er BRITANNIA's Isles,)
Expell'd around the gloomy GOTHIC Night,
And chear'd the World with dawning Rays of Light.
Inspir'd by him, first FAUST, sagacious Mind!
The great Discovery open'd to Mankind:
Rude Characters on wooden Tablets made,
And of the PRINTING-ART the Basis laid:
Till fusile TYPES, invented by his Skill,
With num'rous TOMES th' admiring Nations fill.
Vast his Attempts, immortal is his Fame,
While MENTZ reveres the great auspicious Name,
In spite of HARLEM's, or of STRASBURGH's Claim.
Thence was the Art transplanted to our Coast,
(Whose generous Sons ingenious CAXTON boast:)
Improv'd by various Hand's in ev'ry Stage,
Till ALDUS rose, the Genius of the Age!
First, by his Care, behold learn'd GREECE arise,
And the thick Mist remove from mortal Eyes!
See her fam'd Works in native Lustre shine!
See ATHENS once again the World refine!
While pleasing Scenes o'er EUROPE's Realms appear,
And Joys, uncommon, ev'ry Mortal chear.
No more Transcribers Negligence is blam'd
For faulty ILIADS, or a TULLY maim'd.
No more did HORACE, Bard of sprightly fire!
Mourn ruder Hands, or BENTLEY's Wit require:
No more the Scholar, press'd by adverse Fate,
Procures a LIVY with his whole Estate.
Swift, o'er the World, learn'd Volumes were diffus'd,
And thousand BIBLES for one MISSAL us'd:
Divine ÆNEIDS each Museum grace,
While PLATO's Works assume a SCOTUS' Place:
Each needy Student shews his Classic Store,
And boasts such Treasures Kings scarce knew before.

HAIL, PRINTING! hail, thou thrice illustrious ART!
Which clear'd the Head, and which reform'd the Heart,
Bless'd with new Light a superstitious Age,
And purg'd the Relicks of barbaric Rage.
From Thee celestial Streams of Learning flow,
And to thy Pow'r we pure Religion owe.
By thee assisted, LUTHER lash'd the Crimes
Of ROME's vile Clergy, and reform'd the Times;
While off their rev'rend Mask ERASMUS drew,
And ev'ry pious Fraud expos'd to view;
The Labour finish'd, by thy friendly Aid,
Which HUS and WICKLIFF long in vain essay'd.

BUT see, ye learn'd! from far a genial Ray
Dawn in the EAST, and promise rising Day!
See, distant Climes, in this auspicious Hour,
Receive with Transport Learning's sovereign Pow'r!
Behold this ART in fam'd BYZANTIUM rise,
And barb'rous SULTANS hail the mighty Prize:
High it advances, o'er the MUFTI's Rage,
Tho' PRIESTS the Ruin of their CRAFT presage.
O! would indulgent Heav'n by this restore
To eastern Lands the Arts they lost before:
By this make TURKS their native Rage forego,
And the vile Frauds of MECCA's Prophet show:
While ASSIA's Realms enjoy a milder Doom,
While *Greece* its *Athens* boasts, and *Thrace* a second *Rome*;
O'er distant Worlds while Truth and Freedom shine,
And conscious Nations bless the ART Divine.

LONDON, *Nov.* 4.

OUR Advices from Cadiz take Notice, that not only all the Factors belonging to the South Sea Company are order'd to depart from La Vera Cruz, but it is apprehended the Spaniards will proceed even to the Seizure of the South Sea Ship when she arrives at Porto Bello, by way of Reprisal for their Register Ship, which has been stopp'd by a British Man of War.——They even give out, that the restoring the said Ship will not content them, & that they expect farther Satisfaction; but we are not to be frightned by these Rhodomontades.

We learn from Holland, that one of their Dikes made to resist the Sea not far from the City of Amsterdam is judg'd irreparable, and therefore another Dike is to be made some Distance behind it; by which a Village or two will be left to the Mercy of the Sea.—— The Dutch have heretofore encroached upon the Ocean, and now the Ocean is like to recover its ancient Limits; so that we say, *the Dutch begin to lose Ground.*

They tell us from Berlin, that in a Conference which the French Minister had with the King of Prussia, his Prussian Majesty was pleased to turn his Back upon him, from whence some will have it, that Things are not right between the two Courts; but those who make this Judgment should enquire first whether this be not the *Politesse Almagne.*

In the Mayoralty of Sir Francis Child (*their last Lord Mayor*) 582 Persons have been indicted at the Old Baily, of which Number 70 have received Sentence of Death, 208 have been ordered for Transportation, 8 fin'd, imprisoned, or pilloried, 4 burnt in the Hand, 4 whipt, & 288 acquitted by the Juries.

From King's-Weston in Somersetshire, we hear, that several Workmen being employ'd to level a large Hill there, in order to make a Prospect from the Seat of Edward Southwell, Esq; towards Bristol, they found the Remains of several Bodies of Men and Women, who had been embalmed and interred there; some of which by the Hieroglyphicks & Inscriptions on Copper dug up at the said Time, are computed to have lain there above 2000 Years.

A large French Ship, called the Perfect, which was lately trading on the Coast of Guiney, for Negroes, to carry to the French Colonies in the West-Indies, was cut off and destroy'd by the Indians.

To-morrow the Court goes into Mourning for a Month, for the Death of the Old King of Sardinia.

Nov. 16. Yesterday the Lords of the Admiralty signified by Letter to the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount How, that His Majesty's Ship Rye, Capt. Swall Commander, was in Readiness to receive his Lordship at the Nore, or at such other Place as his Lordship should appoint, in order to embark for his Government of Barbadoes.

Bristol, Nov. 14. *By the Susannah came Letters from Jamaica of the 12th of August, which advise, that the Market for Negroes (of whom there are great Numbers lately arrived there) is at a stand in that Island, by reason of the Trade being stopp'd at the Havanna and other Places on the Main by the Spanish Governors, on Account of the Deal Castle Man of War's taking a Spanish Register Ship, as a Reprizal for the Wool-ball; this will prove a great Detriment to some Merchants in this City; the Merchants of Jamaica, to whom the Cargoes of Negroes are consigned, not knowing what way to dispose of them.*

Edinburgh, Octob. 16. Yesterday Mr. Glass, lately deposed for deserting the Principles of this Church, and taking up them of the Independant, preach'd for the first Time in his new Meeting-House, to a numerous Congregation.

The Corpse of General Ross was interred last Wednesday, at the Church of Fearn, the Burial Place of his Ancestors, attended by all the Gentlemen of the Shire of Ross.

On Saturday his Grace the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, the Earl of Crawford, Lord Charles Hay, and Basil Hamilton, Esq; arrived here, to be present at the Meeting of the Hon. Society of Hunters.

Yesterday Noon his Excellency General Wade arrived at the Earl of Murry's in Cannongate, from the North, having crossed the Frith, from Dunnibrisle to Leith, as did the Hon. Duncan Forbes, Esq; his Majesty's Advocate.

Dublin, Octob. 31. Last Week as some Workmen were digging up Stones for the Buildings at Power's Court, in turning over some great Rocks, they found several great curious Pieces of Antiquity, being 3 old Urns of a very uncommon Make, deposited together, and filled with Ashes, supposed to belong to some of the Danes, or old Roman People, who formerly visited this Island.

Last Saturday John Dunmark, for Burglary, Patrick Smith, for Cow-stealing, and Patrick Ward, for the Murder of Mr. Johnson, a Quaker, by broiling him on a Griddle, were executed at Stephen's Green, pursuant to their Sentence.

Nov. 4. Tuesday last at Midnight, the Stables of Mountague Lambert, Esq; in Henry-Street, were consumed by Fire, which, however, was prevented from doing further Mischief.

On his Majesty's Birth-Day the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of this City, was pleased, out of his great Goodness and Generosity, to pay the Debts of all the Debtors committed by his Lordship to the Marshalsea.

Yesterday Dr. Assigny was taken into Custody, on Account of clandestine Marriages, and committed to the Black-Dog Prison.

CHARLESTOWN, *Febr.* 17.

On Saturday last, *James St. John*, Esq; Surveyor General, was, by Order of the Hon. *The Commons House of Assembly*, taken into Custody of their Messenger; for a gross Affront, and high Indignity, offered to the Honour of that House. Also,

Mr. *George Hadderal*, for aiding, assisting, & superintending the Deputy Surveyors in running out Patent Lands, and Lands already surveyed, contrary to the *Quit-Rent* Act, His Excellency the Governor's Warrant, and the Surveyor General's Precept; which Practices tend to the creating litigious Disputes, and involving the Country in the utmost Confusion.

The same Day, the Honourable *The Commons House of Assembly*, Adjourned to Tuesday the 20th Instant.

Yesterday arrived in our Harbour, the Ship Amsterdam Galley, John Gerald, in about 18 Days from Boston; the Beaver, Capt. Smith, in about ten Days from New-York; one from Oporto, one from the Isle of May, one from Barbadoes, and one from Bristol. Capt. Smyter, from London, is off the Bar.

EPIGRAM.

WHEN Israel's Daughters mourn'd their past Offences,
They dealt in Sackcloth, & turn'd Cinder-wenches:
The Ch—ft—wn-Fair Ones ne'er will spoil their Looks,
They use white Powder, and wear Holland-Smocks.
O beauteous Church! where Females think clean Linen,
As decent to Repent in, as to Sin in.

Exported from this Place since *Nov.* 3, 1732, to *Febr.* 16. 1732-3. Rice 20,600 Barrels, and 628 Baggs. Pitch 3,834. Tar 1,353. Turpentine 301. Whereof 6,202 Barrels, and 538 Baggs of Rice for Foreign Markets.

Prices of the following Goods. Rice 37 s. per Hundred. Pitch 35 s. per Bar. Tar 30 s Turpentine 27 s. 6 d. per Hund. Skins 17 s. Wine 80 l. per Pipe. Indian Corn 10 s. per Bush. Flour 3 l. 5 s. White Bread 6 l. 10 s. Middling ditto 4 l. 10 s. Brown ditto 3 l. 10 s. Milk Bisket None. Barbadoes Rum 13 s. 9 d. per Hogsh. Boston 11 s. 3 d. Lime Juice 22 s. 6 d. Salt 10 s. per Bush. Melasses 6 s. 3 d. per Hogsh. Staves 20 l. per Thous. Pease 11 s. 3 d. per Bush.

Buried in Charlestown this Week past 1. Baptized 1.

Custom-House, Charlestown, *Entred inwards*,
Ship Amsterdam Galley, John Gerald, from Boston.
Entred out None.
Cleared for Departure,
Brigt. Prince Fredrick, Joseph Wilson, to Dover.
—— Nassau, Robert Hussey, to Boston.
Ship Anna Maria, Robert Screech, to Plymouth.
—— Sea Nymph, Richard Forster, to London.
Sloop Two Brothers, George Gibbes, to Jamaica.

For the Benefit *of Mrs.* COOK,

AT the *Council-Chamber*, on *Monday* the 26th of this Instant, will be a Consort of Vocal and Instrumental MUSICK. Tickets to be had at Mrs. Cook's, and Mrs. *Savage's*, at 40 s. *N. B.* None but English and Scotch Songs.

DElivered, by Mistake, from on Board the Abigal and Anne, a Box mark'd I B in which was two Dozen of laced Hats, and some Wigg Cauls. If any Gentleman has received it among his Goods, it is desired to be sent to Capt. Tho. Henning, or Mr. James Cookat.